

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 479.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable John Walsh.

Whereas, The members of this legislative body are proud to offer this expression of gratitude to John Walsh as he concludes his service to the Michigan House of Representatives and the Nineteenth District. His leadership in this chamber has been a tremendous asset to his colleagues and the citizens of Michigan; and

Whereas, Representative Walsh joined this body in 2009 already an accomplished public servant. A graduate of Michigan State University and the Wayne State University Law School, he has served as chair of the Livonia Planning Commission, Livonia Economic Development Partnership, and Livonia Chamber of Commerce, and is a former executive at Schoolcraft College and vice-president of the school's board of trustees. Representative Walsh also served as a member and vice-president of the Livonia City Council. These experiences provided tremendous benefit to his work in the Legislature; and

Whereas, Through his six year tenure, Representative Walsh assembled a considerable body of work on a wide range of important issues. Serving early in his tenure on the Government Operations, Commerce, Education, and Tax Policy committees, he worked studiously to improve our state's government processes and financial and tax laws. Under his leadership as chairman of the Judiciary Committee, he successfully guided legislation to modernize our system of courts and championed tort and criminal policies and reforms. As Speaker Pro Tempore, he vigorously worked on bipartisan policies to help relieve the city of Detroit of its pressing debt. Representative Walsh's dedication and stewardship will be missed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this tribute to commend and thank the Honorable John Walsh for his notable contributions to this legislative body; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Walsh as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes for his future endeavors.